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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449
3. Copies of 6 References.

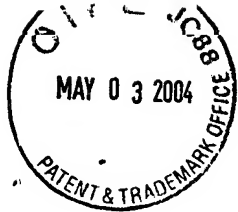
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Dear Sir:

Each item of information listed in the attached FORM PTO-1449, for which a copy of each is attached, may be material to the examination of the above-identified application and is, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The Examiner is requested to make these items of official record in this application.

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This statement is filed pursuant to:

(X) 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

This information disclosure statement is filed either (1) within three months of the filing date of the national applications; (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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() 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

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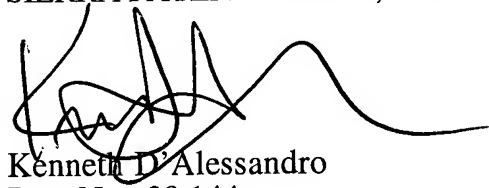
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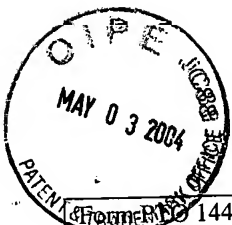
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	2	4,271,419	06/02/1981	Hornbeck	357	24	01/16/1978
	3	4,277,792	07/07/1981	Hornbeck	357	24	02/17/1978
	4	5,162,887	11/10/1992	Dierschke	257	465	05/07/1991
	5	6,051,447	04/18/2000	Lee et al.	438	48	10/01/1998

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